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Christian Assurance

1 JOHN 3:19

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WE LIVE IN A world of uncertainty. Nothing seems sure anymore. Men are shakey in their beliefs, and even nations have no assurance of their continuance as such, for they have seen many others "gobbled up" by the evil forces of communism and totalitarianism.

Most people look at religion through colored glasses. They do not see it aright. Life to them is all in a cellar. They never see the mountain peaks of real joy and happiness. They do not understand the victorious life. They see only clouds and never any beautiful sunshine. Their lives are full of gloom and completely void of gladness.

It has been said that men try to find their way through the puzzle of life with the candle of reason, but don't realize that God has hidden these things from the wise and prudent and hath revealed them unto babes. The world-wide search through great libraries for truth and thumb their way through book after book until the pages are worn and frayed, but truth always seems to elude them.

The rich man, with his beautiful paneled office and plush chairs, rich in houses, stocks, and bonds, and abundantly able to write a check in six figures, is seeking peace of mind and conscience, but

somehow it never comes. The office boy who runs his errands and carries out his wastebaskets day by day has already found the peace that passeth understanding, not because of financial security but because of faith in the crucified Christ of Calvary. The wealthy society woman who has a palatial mansion with Persian rugs scattered everywhere, expensive art work of the masters on the walls of every room, beautiful clothes, fine automobiles, plenty of money in the bank, and who is bedecked with all kinds of fancy jewelry and financially able to purchase anything material, has a life that is empty of that which her heart craves most—real happiness. She seeks diligently for heart satisfaction, but somehow it is always a little farther on. She joins club after club, aids in various benevolent programs of her city, and even heads several church committees, seeking a good feeling of assurance, but what little happiness she enjoys is only on the surface and is temporary. But the maid who cleans house for her has found true happiness long ago, not in the glitter and glamour of worldly goods but in heavenly riches through Jesus Christ.

The Christian life is not a life of guesswork. The Christian knows who he is, where he stands, and where he is going. The born-again

Christian has a knowledge which the world does not comprehend, because he has a divine revelation and an infallible guide, which is God's eternal Word. The Christian has first of all—

1. THE KNOWLEDGE OF A PERSON

In 2 Timothy 1:12, Paul says, "For I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." There was a day (on the Damascus road) when Paul said, "Who art thou, Lord?" but here he says, "I know whom I have believed." Not "in whom," as many quote, but "whom." Paul knew Jesus Christ. He knew Him as intimately as any Man who ever lived. He had a divine knowledge of Him.

Jesus asked the disciples, "Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?" They said, "Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets." He asked another question that reached a vital spot—into their very souls. "But whom say ye that I am?" Without hesitation, Peter spoke for them all, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:13-16).

There is not a greater question in all the Holy Writ than this, because on it hinges the soul's

eternal welfare. This was an important question, and it received a striking and positive answer. How could Peter answer back, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God?" Was it because he had heard Him preach? Was it because he had seen Him heal the sick? Or was it because he had seen Him rebuke the winds and waves? The answer is, "No," to all these questions! Jesus gave the answer when He said, "Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven."

"My Father hath revealed it unto thee!" **BLESSED DIVINE REVELATION!** There is no other way to Jesus Christ. He cannot be reached by creeds or dogmas, ritualistic paraphernalia, denominational machinery, or cold intellectual reasoning, but only by heavenly revelation, by the Word of God and by the Spirit of God. Church membership alone is not sufficient. Neither is water baptism, paying tithes, or leaving off certain things of the world. While all the things mentioned are good and should be done, neither or all are adequate in themselves.

We must know Christ as a person through the new birth, which comes through repentance and faith toward God. Christians know Him as **A DOOR OF SAFETY**. In John 10:9, Jesus said, "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved." In the midst of troubles, trials, and tribulations, the Christian has a haven of rest for his burdened soul. While the world has no one to turn to in the time of trouble, we can flee to this door and find sustenance for our weary spirits.

He is our **LIGHT IN A DARKENED WORLD**. He said, "I am the light of the world, if any man follow me, he shall not walk in darkness." This old world is getting darker all the time as we approach the midnight hour, but it will never be so black that the child of God cannot see the Bright and Morning Star somewhere. He will go with us through a black, sin-cursed, God-defying, God-hating world, and bring us to Himself

at last, maybe not unassailed and unscathed, but, thank God, unabated, unabashed, and unconquered. There are many pitfalls and precipices along the highway of holiness, but if we follow the eternal light, "we shall not walk in darkness" but shall have the light of life continually. This light will ever shine to guide our barks safely through the tumultuous winds and waves of this present world and finally land us safe and sound on the shores of that celestial city. Blessed be God forever!

We know Him as **THE GREAT PHYSICIAN**. The wolves of this world are forever snarling and snapping at God's sheep and little lambs, and many times they are left wounded by the wayside. But the good Samaritan, who is our great Physician, always comes along in time to pour in the Balm of Gilead to soothe our tired, wounded, and scarred bodies and spirits and refresh us with ointment from heaven's apothecary. It is written, "Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all." He delivers, heals, and sets us free from them all. He has never lost a case, nor will He ever lose one; for He has gone this way before. He knows and understands our every need. Thank God, He can be "touched by the feeling of our infirmities."

One man who knew Christ as his Lord and Master said, "Christ is a rare Jewel, but men know not His value; a Sun which ever shines, but men perceive not His brightness, nor walk in His light. He is a Garden full of sweets, a Hive full of honey, a Sun without a spot, a Star ever bright, a Fountain ever full, a Brook which ever flows, a Rose which ever blooms, a Foundation which never yields, a Guide which never errs, a Friend which never forsakes. No mind can fully grasp His glory; His beauty, His worth, His importance, no tongue can fully declare. He is the Source of all good, the Fountain of every excellency, the Mirror of perfection, the Light of heaven, the Wonder of earth, time's Masterpiece, and eternity's Glory; the Sun of bliss, the Way of life, and life's

fair Way. He is altogether lovely, says the saint; a Morning without clouds, a Day without night, a Rose without a thorn; His lips drop like the honeycomb, His eyes beam tenderness, His heart gushes love. The Christian is fed by His hands, carried in His heart, supported by His arm, nursed in His bosom, guided by His eye, instructed by His lips, warmed by His love; His wounds are His life, His smile the light of His path, the health of His soul, His rest and heaven below." Yes, thank God, He is all this and more. But the most wonderful thing of all is, we can know Him as our very own Lord and Saviour.

2. THE KNOWLEDGE OF AN EXPERIENCE WITH GOD

Many people of this day freely proclaim that there is no possibility of knowing positively you are a born-again child of God. They say that we can only hope and have faith until the day of judgment when all will be made plain. The Apostle John declares otherwise. He says in 1 John 3:14, "We know we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren." He paints a grand and graphic scene by saying, "We have passed from death unto life." It is a trip from the "death valley" of sin to the mountain peak of spiritual life. It is changing from the gruesome graveclothes of the sinner to the shining snow-white raiment of the righteous. It is a transfer from the death rattle stage of the polluted and perishing sinner to a heavenly and happy praise position in Jesus Christ, who is the Giver of all true life.

The sinner is under a death sentence, for the Scriptures declare that "the wages of sin is death," and "the soul that sinneth, it shall die." (Romans 6:23; Ezekiel 18:4). He sits in the death house awaiting execution for the crimes he has committed against God's law. If reprieve is not received or pardon extended, he is doomed and damned forever to the lake of fire. But, thank God, when Jesus died, He went into the Spirit-world, wrestled the keys of the prison house from the hands of

Satan, led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. By this one act of dying on Calvary and triumphing over the devil, He (potentially) forever sets free all those who wish and long for freedom. Since He is alive forevermore and is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Revelation 1:18; Hebrew 13:8), He continues to lead sinners from the dungeon of death to the palace of everlasting life. **WHAT A STATEMENT!** "From death unto life"; **WHAT A TRANSITION!** No longer in the cell of gloom but in the tabernacle of gladness.

How do we know we have passed from death unto life? Because we love the brethren. It is a new life, a new realm of living. We have left the hate realm of animosity, ill will, jealousy, and carnal-clamoring for the love realm of peace, joy, gentleness, and kindness toward all. We are truly in a new world. The world is full of hate, but the kingdom of God is full of love. God so loves that He gives; the devil so hates that he takes. There is no doubt about it, when you leave the kingdom of darkness and come by faith in the shed blood of Christ into the kingdom of His dear Son, you are a new creature (2 Corinthians 5:17). A creature that is not remodeled, repainted, patched, or white-washed, but completely new, washed as white as the driven snow in the precious blood of the Lamb. This is an experience that neither time nor tide can shake; "neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:38, 39). Blessed be God forever!

This is a salvation that grows more precious as the years go by. Oh! it is wonderful to have an experience with God that you are absolutely sure about (Romans 8:16; 1 John 4:13). The joy and tranquillity of the Christian life transcends all human comprehension. To the human, the carnal,

the worldly, it's all foolishness; but to the born-again ones, the new creatures, the heavenly citizens, "it's joy unspeakable and full of glory."

3. KNOWLEDGE OF THE RIGHT DOCTRINE

Jesus said in John 7:17, "If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself." He states positively that if we do God's will, we shall know the doctrine. This statement surely cuts across the grain of a lot of preaching and teaching of this day. Many preachers and laymen are confused and are lamenting that because of so many doctrines in this age, it's difficult to know which is right. Some deliberately stir up a lot of mud, muck, and mire of contention and confusion for selfish reasons. There are no puzzles to work nor riddles to solve. No magic keys are needed, because there are no secret chests to be

opened to understand the right from the wrong doctrine. The answer is simple and it is plain. "IF ANY MAN WILL DO HIS WILL, he shall know of the doctrine." DO HIS WILL. Ah! that is it. If there is a secret, this is it. "If any man will do his will, HE SHALL KNOW OF THE DOCTRINE." The man who fully follows the Lord in obedience, sincerity, and holiness will always know the right doctrine.

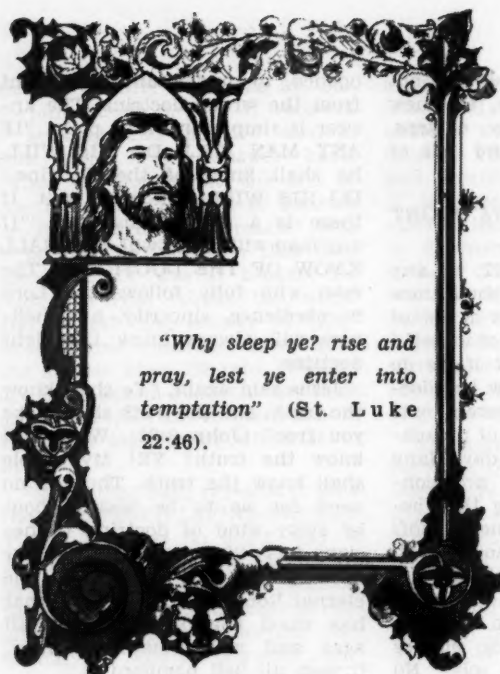
Jesus said again, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32). Who shall know the truth? YE! My people shall know the truth. There is no need for us to be tossed about by every wind of doctrine (Ephesians 4:14) like many others of our day. For we have an anchor, the eternal Rock of Ages. A Rock that has stood the onslaughts of "all ages and will remain steadfast, though all hell bombard it.

It is freely and readily admitted
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Incomparable Compassion



"...THE LORD YOUR GOD IS GRACIOUS AND MERCIFUL, AND WILL NOT TURN AWAY HIS FACE FROM YOU, IF YE RETURN UNTO HIM." — II CHRON. 30:9



Dangerous Sleep

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IN THE GOSPEL according to Saint Luke 22:46, we read these words, "Why sleep ye? rise and pray, lest ye enter into temptation." May this call from God impress upon us the extreme urgency of this climactic hour.

Jesus spoke the words of our text to His own disciples. They needed that sharp rebuke from the Master. So do we. There never was a time in the history of the world when the saints of God needed to be awakened, aroused, and jolted loose from ease and indifference as in this fateful hour.

Amos 6:1 declares, "Woe to them that are at ease in Zion." Destruction and chaos are soon coming; we must arise and blow the warning trumpet in these last days. The trumpet blast must arouse the sleeping ones "in Zion," and the alarm must sound in God's "holy mountain." Even the virgins who went forth to meet the bridegroom "all slumbered and slept" (Matthew 25:5). All of them had to be awakened, stirred, and aroused by the midnight cry of the trumpeter. "Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him" (Matthew 25:6).

Unsaved people cannot be "revived"; they have no spiritual life

at all, for they are "dead in trespasses and sins" (Ephesians 2:1). It is God's own born-again people who need, yes, desperately need, in this terrific hour to be revived, aroused awakened from slothfulness and slumber.

While in prayer, there was revealed unto this writer a great highway with multitudes of people thereon. As they journeyed, they came to the foot of a very steep mountain. There was a road to the left that looked smoother and easier, and someone said, "This road will take us to the same destination, and it looks much easier and quicker. Why climb the hill?" And with these words of false advice, many turned and walked the seemingly easier way. Others turned without even stopping to ponder the way, not knowing they had taken the detour, for their frivolous laughter, carefree indifference, and love of the world led them to the side road without their realizing they had missed the way. Those who turned from the highway were never seen again.

Then there were some (many) who wandered too near the edge of the highway, which was called "Holiness." These were caught in the briars and brambles, known

as the "cares of life," and became a prey to the wild beasts of the forest who came lurking along the side line to devour them. There were others who fell into pits of false doctrine that were unseen, and they disappeared from sight.

This was not all. Scores had stopped to rest, and take a little ease, and had fallen asleep, although they knew the evening sun was sinking and the storm clouds were gathering in the horizon, ready to break upon them in a moment of time.

But on the far distant hill there were a few holding hands, slowly but steadfastly making their way through the storm and darkness, while the rain beat furiously down upon them. At length, they reached the top, and with a joyful shout, they exclaimed, "Come on; the storm is over, the sun is shining, and there is a 'Welcome home, Weary Pilgrim,' on the mansion doors." As I looked with amazement and wonder, these were transformed in the twinkling of an eye to eternal heavenly creatures, and disappeared over the hilltop. My eyes fell again upon those sleeping by the way. Then came the gentle, pleading voice of the Holy Ghost saying, "They did

not hear; they are fast asleep."

Oh! For someone to wake them before it is too late. Those before us have weathered the storm of life and made it over; they, too, are calling for us to "Come on." Hebrews 12:1, 2 reads, "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." Knowing that others before him made it safely through, Brother Paul tells us in (Philippians 3:14), "I press toward the mark."

THE GREAT Apostle knew that God never intended for His people to slump down in self-satisfaction and luke-warmness, a condition of being not very good and (apparently) being not very bad. Self-righteous, self-complacency, and luke-warmness are all detested by the Lord. (Revelation 3:14-16 says, "And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write . . . I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would that thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art luke-warm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth." That is a sickening sight, Beloved. Nothing short of being filled with God's Holy Spirit will enable us to serve Him acceptably today. Again Paul exhorts us in Ephesians 5:18, "Be filled with the Spirit." Are we filled? The tree is known by its fruit (Matthew 12:33). "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance" (Galatians 5:22, 23). What is the fruit on the tree of our lives today?

Oh! to get before God's people a mighty vision of today's need. Oh! to arouse the slumbering ones into activity in this day of darkness, where Communism sweeps on almost unchallenged. The devil and his cohorts work day and night to seduce young and old. We must desperately lay this to our hearts,

for Proverbs 29:18 says, "Where there is no vision, the people perish." Think of this—perishing, and the coming of the Lord so near! "When ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh . . . Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man" (Luke 21:31, 36). "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God" (1 Thessalonians 4:16). "But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober" (1 Thessalonians 5:1, 2, 4, 6).

Shall we arouse ourselves and those around us to see the need? Not only do we need to have a vision of the awful inroads of sin and shame, but we also need to see that today's wonderful opportunities are swiftly passing. John 4:35 tells us that the fields are white already to harvest. The harvest of God is ripe. It is now harvest time, a time to roll up our sleeves and reap the precious souls for whom Christ died.

Let us examine ourselves as advocated in 2 Corinthians 13:5. Let us honestly and particularly throw the light of God's Word on the path of our lives, and see how we stand in God's sight and in the light of the coming of His Son.

"Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like" (Galatians 5:19-21). And concerning these things, God's Word tells us in Galatians 5:21: "They which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God." We may say,

"Those things I've never done; I've never killed anyone." What about an influence that has been destroyed? "I have never committed adultery." What about trying to live with the world and live with God at the same time, which is spiritual adultery. 1 John 3:15 states, "Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him."

Have we permitted ourselves to have unkind, hateful feelings toward anyone for any reason?

Have we lightly considered these terrible sins?

"Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me and know my thoughts: and see if there be any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting" (Psalm 139:23, 24). It is not enough to be filled with the Spirit and sit down, but we must "put on the whole armour of God" (Ephesians 6:11). We are to pray always for all saints.

Oh, the mighty things that are accomplished by sustained, believing prayer. God's words to the wise king of old were, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land" (2 Chronicles 7:14).

Why should the disciples pray? What danger was facing these who had perhaps never gone farther from home than the surrounding cities and villages of Jerusalem, Capernaum, Bethany, and Samaria, and had no desire to go farther? Why? Because Jesus said that He was going away and they would be His witnesses. They would be the ones who would continue with the gospel of deliverance to the uttermost parts of the world. They would be the channels through which He would work thereafter, so they were to pray that they fall not.

Peter, James, and John were on the "inside" of the garden with Jesus, and as He prayed, they went to sleep, exactly when He needed them most. How do we expect to

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"His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord," Matthew 25:21.

STEWARDSHIP IN THE PAULINE EPISTLES

1. The Christian Dispensation

The Apostle Paul contributes to the New Testament doctrine of stewardship an aspect found only in his Epistles. Paul picks up the Greek term for stewardship, *oikonomia*, which appears in certain of Jesus' parables but interprets it in light of the era which began with the first advent of Christ. In every instance of the occurrence of the term in the Pauline Epistles, the King James translators rendered it "dispensation." The English translation means that which is dispensed, dealt out, or appointed.

Stewardship, then, according to Paul, refers to the entire Christian era, beginning with the unmerited grace which God dispensed to man in sending His Son as our Redeemer followed by the extension of this grace to all men by the church, throughout which the Lord has dispensed manifold gifts and offices.

We best understand the breadth of Paul's picture of stewardship if we notice further how the Apostle uses the term dispensation. In writing to the Galatians, he conveys to them the idea that "time was ripe" when Jesus came: "But when the fulness of time was come, God sent forth his Son . . ." (Galatians 4:4). In Ephesians 1:10, he speaks of the "dispensation of the fulness of times" in which God is saving men. Paul further states in Titus 2:11, "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men." The meaning is that through the death of our Lord on Calvary, the grace of God was manifested and made provisional "for all men" (Greek *pasin anthropois*, dative case). And in his letter to the Ephesians, Paul refers to "the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward" (Ephesians 3:2).

2. Stewardship of the Gospel

Throughout his writings, the great Apostle Paul makes us know that at no time did he consider his ministry an end in itself. The gospel he preached was not his own, and he was ever ready to admit this fact. To the Corinthians he says, "For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received . . ." (1 Corinthians 15:3). Again to the Galatians he declares, "For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ"

(Galatians 1:12). It was the "glorious gospel of Christ" (2 Corinthians 4:4); he was merely a steward (1 Corinthians 4:1) who communicated the Lord's message to men.

The idea that we, as stewards of God, are *trustees* of the gospel is very evident in Paul's writings. The Apostle declares that he was put in trust with the gospel (1 Thessalonians 2:4; 1 Timothy 1:11) and the preaching of the Word (Titus 1:3). In these references, the Greek for "put in trust" and "committed unto" is the passive voice of the verb *pisteuo*, "I believe." It means to confide in or entrust. This denotes that God places confidence or faith in man when he makes him a custodian of the gospel.

The aged Apostle exhorted young Timothy to guard that which the Lord had entrusted to him as a minister (1 Timothy 6:20; 2 Timothy 1:14). Here the Greek for the thing entrusted is *paratheke*, literally a "deposit." It appears also in Paul's statement, "For I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep THAT WHICH I HAVE COMMITTED UNTO HIM against that day" (2 Timothy 1:12). This is a picture of man's faith in the Lord, whom Paul declares to be unconditionally trustworthy.

The question with which we are confronted arises from the Lord's vantage point and resides with our conscience. Can He say of us that we have not betrayed, and will not betray His trust, and that we will faithfully guard and publish the gospel until that day? May we never forget that the faith which pervades gospel stewardship is reciprocal, involving and uniting God and man.

To Paul's concept of trustee is related the idea that we are *ambassadors* of the gospel. Paul, in pursuing the subject of the ministry of reconciliation (which is committed unto us, 2 Corinthians 5:18, 19), says to the Corinthians: "Now then we are AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God" (2 Corinthians 5:20; cf. Ephesians 6:20). Here the thought is that we are official representatives of Jesus. Just as He came to bring about a reconciliation between God and alienated humanity, we also are to represent God to man in Christ's stead. Paul stresses here that God is beseeching the world *through us* in order that He might reconcile sinners to Himself. To us has been committed the ministry of reconciliation. We are God's envoys, telling men who are afar off and full of wicked works (Ephesians 2:12, 13; Colossians 1:21) that they may have eternal peace with God (Romans 5:1).

Whereas the correlative concepts of *trustee* and *ambassador* connote Paul's obligation under God to fulfill his ministry, we also note that this obligation has another dimension. Paul felt that he was equally obligated to the world to give them the good news. He expressed his indebtedness to all humanity in this manner: "I AM DEBTOR both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise and to the unwise" (Romans 1:14).

Paul possessed the true motive for world evangelization. He did not feel that his missionary labors were a

charity—that he was doing the world a favor to bring them the gospel. No, not at all. Instead, his burden sprang out of the inescapable realization that *he owed them the gospel*. To withhold the Word of life from the perishing would be tantamount to betrayal. The only legitimate means by which the debt could be liquidated was to carry the message to the extreme quarters of his world. Neither the intellectual superiority of the Greeks nor the gross ignorance of the heathen made any distinction. Every man needed salvation. With this caliber of conviction, Paul heroically paid the debt even though it cost him his life at the end.

3. Analogies on Stewardship

In his Epistles, Paul employs or alludes to several important figures which illuminate stewardship. We note, for example, that in 1 Corinthians 3 considerable attention is given by the Apostle to stewardship under the form of constructing a building. In 1 Timothy 3 appear the analogies of the soldier, the athlete, the husbandman, and the studious workman. The three most prominent of these will be examined in some detail.

The Wise Builder. "Ye are God's building," Paul tells the Corinthians in his First Epistle to them. By this statement he meant that they were God's property. Then he proceeds to declare that he himself, as a wise masterbuilder, has laid the foundation upon which his successors will build the superstructure (1 Corinthians 3:10).

This analogy becomes universal in application when Paul warns, "But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 3:10, 11). Then, upon the premise that God is the owner and Jesus is the foundation, Paul in verses twelve through fifteen reminds us that the superstructure we build will be tested for its eternal solidarity. Again we are told in graphic terms that we must give an account of our work.

In symbolizing the nature or quality of our work, he mentions such materials as gold, silver, precious stones, hay, wood, and stubble. It is evident that this list includes both permanent and perishable building materials. The workman must decide what kind of materials he will use. How vitally important this is, for "every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire, and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is" (1 Corinthians 3:13). Only the real and eternal accomplishments will bear witness for us on that day.

The Soldier in War. In Ephesians 6:10-17, Paul covers stewardship in terms of military conquest. He states in verse twelve the nature of the struggle in which we are engaged: "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

In considerable detail, Paul lays out our panoply as warriors in God's army. The "whole armour of God" (Ephesians 6:11, 13) includes the girth of truth, the

breastplate of righteousness, shoes of the preparation (readiness) of the gospel, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit (the Word of God).

For Paul, the dispensation of grace is one continuous spiritual battle in which the forces of good triumph over evil. To him the work was extremely urgent, demanding the full time and energy of every man. Very seriously he warned young Timothy: "No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life: that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier" (2 Timothy 2:4). Paul meant that Timothy was to act and live like a soldier on active duty. There would be no furlough until the war was over. This is the only kind of service that will be acceptable and pleasing to Him who enrolled us—Jesus Christ, the Chief Commandant.

The Racing Athlete. The athletic metaphor, based on the Greek foot-races, is prevalent in Paul's writings. The race-course idea pertains not only to our personal religion but also to the discipline, goal, and reward of faithful stewardship.

Paul ever kept in mind that mere participation in a race does not guarantee receipt of a prize. Notice carefully his statement to the Corinthians: "Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run that ye may obtain" (1 Corinthians 9:24). He was cognizant that it was

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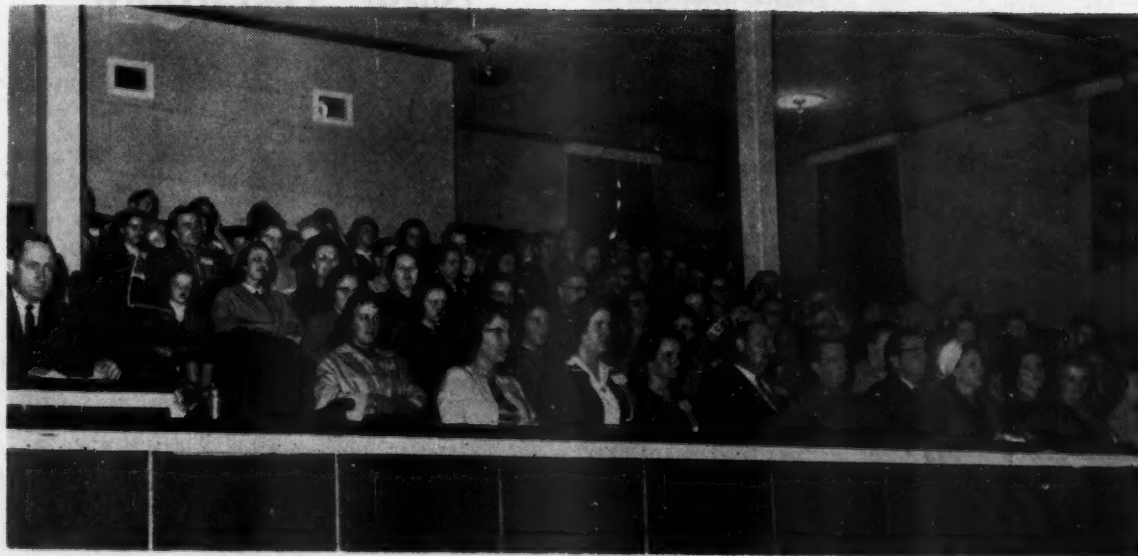
(CONCLUSION)

By DONALD B. GIBSON
Talbotton, Georgia

Alabama Day at



Lee College



ALABAMA DAY at Lee College, Friday, February 6, was a stupendous success. The excellent attendance is contributed to the untiring promotion of the state alumni president, Rev. Fred G. Swank, and to the wholehearted support of Alabama students presently attending Lee. Although this was the first time for us to have Alabama Day, approximately 200 Alabamians attended, while the total attendance at the banquet was 293.

Throughout this great day, prospective Alabama students with their parents and friends learned for themselves that Lee is "God's School for God's Business." As they toured the classrooms, attended convocation, and ate lunch in the cafeteria, they sensed the devotion to Christ and the underlying spirit of evangelism which permeates the Lee campus. A statement of a high-schooler, which is a typical statement of several others, was thus: "Just as soon as I finish high school next year, I am definitely coming here to college."

The tour of our church's general offices and the publishing house was most informative. Some were awe-stricken as they saw the massive building that houses these departments. Following this tour, we enjoyed a closely-matched basketball game in the Lee College gymnasium with one team composed of Alabamians. Of course, Alabama won!

Two hundred ninety-three persons attended the Alabama "Heart of Dixie" banquet at 7:30 p.m. The Lee cafeteria, having been beautifully decorated by Alabama students, was the scene of the banquet where we were served a delectable meal, and enjoyed a gay, humorous program. Following the gaiety, we were deeply challenged by a most provocative address by Rev. James A. Cross, our General Overseer. Brother Cross stirred our hearts as he repeatedly drove home this point: "God needs a man to stand in the gap. Who knows but that thou hast come to the kingdom for such an hour as this?"

This Alabama Day at Lee was of so much value that plans are being made now for such a day next year.

We desire to influence more Alabamians to visit the Lee campus and thereby become personally acquainted with "God's School for God's Business."

—Clyne W. Buxton
State Sunday School
and Youth Director

FROM A PASTOR'S POINT OF VIEW

"Oh, I just must attend Lee College as soon as possible." This statement was made by our oldest daughter as the result of spending a day at Lee College. This was the impression made on not only my daughter, but it is typical of the effect Alabama Day had on each of the 58 persons who attended from our church.

The motorcade of nine cars from the South Park church was sponsored by our Sunday School. Our youth-minded Sunday School Board felt it could not make any greater contribution to the spiritual, moral, and intellectual welfare of our youth than to expose them for at least one day to the clean, wholesome, spiritual atmosphere of Lee College, "God's School for God's Business." If only a few of our youth will be inspired to attend Lee College in the near future, we will feel greatly rewarded for the time, effort, and expense of this trip.

Alabama Day at Lee College was a tremendous success. This success was achieved by at least three important factors. First was the very efficient leadership of Rev. Fred Swank, president of Alabama Chapter, Lee College Alumni. Brother Swank, assisted by Sister Doris Harris, worked untiringly and enthusiastically to make the first Alabama Day something our entire State would be proud of. They received full and complete cooperation from the administration, faculty, and scholars of the school. Through this masterful planning, every minute detail was scrupulously planned in advance and not a moment of the day's activity was without supervision.

Secondly, the day's program provided consistent activities palat-

able to both the young and old, the Christian and non-Christian. Most of us carried some young people along who were not Christians. It was very gratifying to see everyone having such a wonderful time. We had a time of fellowship over a cup of coffee and doughnuts. We attended chapel to invoke God's presence to be with us throughout the day. We had a very informative tour through the school, general offices, and the publishing house. An exciting basketball game was scheduled for the afternoon. And what an exciting game it was! Alabama versus Lee. Who won? Why Alabama, of course. It was Alabama Day. The final score, 48-47.

Then came the breath-taking banquet. The dining room was decorated "Dixie" style. The food was delectable, the entertainment delightful. The provoking message by our General Overseer was a real challenge for men, women, boys, and girls to give themselves unreservedly to God's service.

Last, but not least, the success of Alabama Day could not have been possible without the wholehearted cooperation of the State Overseer, D. A. Biggs, State Youth Director, Clyne Buxton, the State Council, and many of the wonderful ministers from the great State of Alabama. Pastors from all sections of the State kept pouring in with their cars loaded with people from their local churches. The final count that attended the banquet was 293. It is through the splendid cooperation of our people that the Church of God moves forward in all phases of our work. May it ever be in Jesus' name.

I did not find everything at Lee to my liking. Everything is not done exactly as I would like to see it done. However, I did see so many good things that are so conspicuously missing from most of our college campuses that my appreciation for the school greatly increased.

We have three important institutions in this world that are greatly influencing our lives for time and eternity—they are the home, the church, and the school. Each

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that there are some difficulties facing an honest seeker after the truth. For as surely as the hurricanes Carol, Diana, Hazel, etc., wrought havoc by turning their full force on people and property, the devil has unleashed demon spirits, false doctrines, false preachers and teachers against God's people today. He has unlimbered an assiduous attack by sending out false teachers (2 Peter 2:1), false Christs and false prophets (Matthew 24:44), false tongues (Psalm 120:3), false witnesses (Acts 6:13), false brethren (2 Corinthians 11:26, strange doctrines (Hebrews 13:9), and even doctrines of devils (1 Timothy 4:1). His hurricanes, windstorms, typhoons, tornadoes, and cyclones from the bottomless pit, are creating unrest and disturbances, both in homes and churches throughout Christendom. Many are blistering under the bluster and bombast of false preachers and doctrines, while multiplied thousands of others are freezing under the calm zephyr of cold ecclesiastical ritualism, and frost-covered dishes of so-called intellectualism.

All doctrines that are false or meaningless are manned and machine-gunned by demon-led men. If there are doctrines of devils (1 Timothy 4:1), there must be devils to preach them. It cannot be imagined that God's ministers would be guilty of peddling the devil's doctrines. But despite the "great swelling words" of the "roaring lion" (Jude 16; 1 Peter 5:8) and the "enticing words of man's wisdom" by the "angel of light" (1 Corinthians 2:4; 2 Corinthians 11:14), the fact still remains that our Lord said, "YE SHALL KNOW THE DOCTRINE." If we DO HIS WILL, no doctrine, even though it is ever so appealing, will ever sweep us off our feet. The sound doctrine, (2 Timothy 4:3; Titus 2:1), the doctrine according to godliness (2 Timothy 6:3), that brought us into the kingdom of grace and has kept us all these years, will, if adhered to, land us one day upon the shores of that eternal city.

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win a lost world unless we "rise and pray"? We are on the "inside," the inner circle with the Father, Son, and the Holy Ghost. We are nearest to Him; yet often when He needs us most, we, like the disciples, are found asleep. Christian, there is an unforeseen temptation awaiting you and me that will lead to sin and backsliding unless we arise and meet it with prayer. All too often we neglect to read, meditate, and have secret fellowship with Jesus. We use the age-old excuse of "no time." God demands a reason, for "thou art inexcusable, O man" (Romans 2:1). Time will soon end, and in eternity that shall never end there will be plenty of time to repent and regret, but God will not have time for forgiveness. "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation" (Hebrews 2:3). Getting saved is only the starting point; it's the taking hold of what we have and the going on that counts. How we need to PRAY!

WE NEED TO PRAY FOR OURSELVES

James 1:26, 27 says, "If any man among you seem to be religious, and brideth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain. Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world."

Away with this Sunday morning religion only; bring in old-fashioned seven-day-and-night-a-week undefiled, tongue-bridled, heaven-sent salvation that prays and acts in the will of God!

WE NEED TO PRAY FOR OTHERS

"Pray one for another" (James 5:16). "That men pray every where" (1 Timothy 2:8).

PRAY FOR OUR WEAKNESSES

2 Corinthians 12:9 states, "For my strength is made perfect in weakness."

John 15:5 says, "For without me [Jesus said] ye can do nothing." Are we trying alone?

PRAY FOR FAITH

"Lord, increase our faith." How we need faith in these trying times. Hebrews 11:6 reads, "For without faith it is impossible to please him." Do we want to please Him? Where is the faith that was once delivered to the saints? "If ye have FAITH as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you" (Matthew 17:20). Where is faith that walked through the furnace of fire, closed the mouths of hungry lions, made the angry waters to roll back, and caused demons to cry out in fear and the devil to quake and tremble? Where is faith that removes mountains of doubt, fear, anxiety, illness, poverty—faith to speak and it shall be done. "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever" (Hebrews 13:8). Pray for faith as never before.

PRAY FOR LOVE

There is less love today, perhaps, than in all history of mankind. John said that we should love one another, for love is of God and love is God. We need to be tied securely together by cords of love to the altar of sacrifice for the One who loved us so. "Love covereth all sins" (Proverbs 10:12). Love dispels fear, that monster of Satan who is stealing his way into the minds of God's people and causing them to become afraid and to doubt God. They are afraid to testify and afraid of the world. Listen, Dear Ones, Revelation 21:8 tells us, "The fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone." But our hope is in 1 John 4:18: "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment." Rise and pray for love that that demon of fear might be cast back into the pit from whence it came.

May God help us everyone to arouse ourselves and pray that when the evening sun has gone down for the last time, and the Son of Righteousness hath come to set up His kingdom on earth,

we shall stand in the ranks of the faithful and behold the vision that John saw as it becomes a living reality in (Revelation 8:3, 4, "And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the *prayers of all saints* upon the golden altar which was before the throne. And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand". Then God shall wipe away all tears, as another angel comes down from heaven having a key to the bottomless pit, and a great chain in his hand. He shall lay hold on the dragon, that old serpent which is the devil, and Satan, and will bind him for a thousand years, and cast him into the pit. No more *praying*—no more *watching* as we begin a thousand years honeymoon on earth with our Bridegroom, the owner of all heaven and earth, and then live for-

ever in the great paradise of God. I ask you, Christian, is it worth waking up? Why sleep ye? Rise and pray!



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of us has a very personal interest in our home and our local church. We should also take more interest in our school, Lee College, and try to make it what we feel God would have it to be. We at the South Park Church anxiously await the date of Alabama Day at Lee College for 1960.

—Rev. Carl Green, pastor
South Park, Birmingham, Ala.

FROM AN ALUMNUS POINT OF VIEW

I was greatly impressed with the first Alabama Day at Lee College. First, there was the outstanding

number of delegates, by far exceeding the anticipated number. Second, there was evidence of much planning and hard work by the state alumni president and his staff, plus the Alabama students led by their efficient officers. I believe this annual event will become a high light of expectations in the years to come. —Bobby Brown

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PROSPECTIVE STUDENT SPEAKS

Many things can influence you while traveling through life, but few make lasting impressions in your mind. Alabama Day at Lee College was one of the most impressive and eventful days I have ever spent. From the beginning until the end, the day was truly one filled with excitement and joy.

The most outstanding feature was the sociable and friendly manner that each of the students exhibited among themselves and the visitors. Each one seemed to be a

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possible that he himself could run in vain (Galatians 2:2; Philippians 2:16) or be a castaway (1 Corinthians 9:27). The fact of running, therefore, was not nearly so important as *how* one ran.

Just as was emphasized in the Olympic races, Paul's stress is upon discipline. "And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things" (1 Corinthians 9:25). The meaning of "temperate" is "self-control," that is, restriction and confinement of oneself. Self-government rules out the profligate. It involves cutting loose "every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us" in order that we may "run with patience the race that is set before us" (Hebrews 12:1).

Discipline further demands conformity to the rules of the game. Paul reminds Timothy that a runner is not crowned "except he strive lawfully" (2 Timothy 2:5). The man who gets off the course and wanders aimlessly along crooked bypaths will surely lose. The man who handles the Scriptures deceitfully, not "rightly dividing the word of truth," will be disqualified in the end. Many good men have fallen prey to the lust of the world and thus no longer run. Paul commended the Galatians for having run well for a season, but went on to ask, "Who did hinder you?" (Galatians 5:7).

Successful stewardship requires purpose and vision, a steadfast outlook and persistence for the goal at the

end of the course. Paul's eyes were set like a flint on the future. "Forgetting those things which are behind," says Paul, "and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I PRESS TOWARD THE MARK FOR THE PRIZE OF THE HIGH CALLING OF GOD IN CHRIST JESUS" (Philippians 3:13, 14). He was looking for the day when he, as a faithful steward, would step from the course to receive his crown. He had this keen sense of expectation even while he penned his last lines to Timothy in a Roman dungeon:

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing" (2 Timothy 4:7, 8).

The Apostle clearly envisioned the incorruptible crown of which he had told the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 9:25). Although the time of his departure was at hand, he was nevertheless at the goal line as a winner. The crown would be given after he had crossed the line. The Chief Arbiter or Judge of the race would personally confer the award. The outstanding fact here is that the Lord will meet us at the end of our race. In the Gospels, we see Him primarily as one who demands an account of our faithfulness; here, He again appears as a Judge but predominantly as our Benefactor.

personal friend whether young or old, man or woman. Throughout the day a spiritual feeling existed.

In the scholastic and athletic divisions, I was amazed at the smoothness with which the classes proceeded. The School of Music was the most interesting to me, since I am an ardent lover of music. I was filled with eagerness while anticipating the day I would be a student at Lee.

The cleanliness of the nice rooms in the dormitories was very impressive, not to speak of the delicious food served in the dining hall. The students proceeded with the same ease they would in their own homes.

So as a prospective student at

Lee College and living in this present day, the future dawns bright over the horizon. As we seek an education in Christian surroundings, we shall do our best to make the world a better place in which to live.

—Beverly Price
Long Island, Alabama

BIGGER AND BETTER

Alabama Day at Lee was a day that many Alabamians will long remember. The happiness which the prospective students experienced that day prompted them to make the following remarks: "I wish I were old enough to go now!" "I wasn't sure I'd like to go to Lee,

but it's surely different from what I expected." "When I finish high school, I'm going to go!" "Isn't everyone friendly!" "This has been one of the happiest days of my life."

Parents who were not planning to send their children to Lee are now looking forward to the day they will be able to send them.

"Bigger and better" is our slogan for the following in the future: Alabama Day at Lee, alumni business meetings, fund raising projects, Lee College rallies, Alabama Lee College loan fund, state banquets at camp meetings, and bigger and better ideas in action.

—Fred G. Swank
Alabama State Chapter President



testimonies

Healed of Injuries From Hard Fall

STATE LINE, Miss.—I want to tell just one of the times the Lord came into our home in time of great need. I promised Him I would send in a written testimony of the things He did. Let's declare His works. What He wants is for someone to tell that He is God and the Master of every situation.

Three weeks ago, our eleven-year-old son fell from a wagon loaded with corn. I didn't think he was seriously injured; neither did he. I saw that the fall was a hard one but he got up and never complained, except saying that he was almost knocked breathless. The next day, Tuesday, he fell again at school while playing. In the afternoon he came home complaining about his side hurting. He kept going to school, but I noticed that he began to be pale, his appetite failed, and he complained with soreness in his left side being so bad until he couldn't bear for it to be touched. Finally he had to give up and go to bed, not being able to sit up or eat anything.

On Tuesday after he went to

bed on Saturday, it seemed that something must be done. My husband and I, as well as the church people, had prayed for him. As we were praying one night, the Spirit of the Lord spoke to me and said, "and they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover." I felt he would soon be well, but when he seemed to get worse, I told him we would have to see a doctor if he did not begin to eat and get better. All of his life we have trusted the Lord with him. He said, "Mother, I'll get ready to die before I'll go to a doctor." He knew the Lord had never said, "No," to us in all the times we had gone to Him for help.

We told him he was going to get well but wanted him to know we wanted to do all we could for his recovery. His father and I went down before God again. The Spirit spoke again to me and said, "He will be all right after Friday night and will go back to school Monday." I knew that it was God talking to me. Friday morning he got up able to go to town but still did not eat. Friday night he went to cottage prayer meeting. Saturday morn-

ing he was feeling much better, and the soreness and swelling were almost gone from his side. Saturday night he attended church again. By Sunday, he was feeling fine and he returned to school on Monday, for which I praise God.

Why didn't God heal him earlier so he could have avoided all the suffering he went through? I didn't question God about that. His ways are not our ways. He knows what is best for those who depend upon Him.

David said, "Then shall I not be ashamed when I have respect to all thy commandments." God knew we were depending upon Him for the child's healing. We were not ashamed to ask Him for help because His Word is hid in our hearts. If our hearts condemn us not, then we have confidence toward God and know that He hears us and will grant what we ask of Him. I promised the Lord God when He spoke to me about our child's healing that I would send a written testimony of His great works.

—Mrs. Clyde Davis

Jesus Never Fails

LENOIR, N. C.—I want to praise God for His wonderful healing power. Recently I became suddenly ill. My husband called our pastor and some members of our church to pray for me. While we were praying, the thought came to me to send my testimony to the *Evangelist*. I promised the Lord that if He would heal me, I would send my testimony. I truly love the Lord, because He is my Saviour, Sanctifier, Baptizer, and Healer.

For the nearly fourteen years that I've known Him, He has never failed me. I am thankful for the

Church of God and for parents that taught me this way. I also enjoy reading the *Evangel*. Pray for me that I will stand true and be a blessing. I also have a very special request for prayer.

—A sister in Christ

Healed of Virus Infection

CLARKSVILLE, Tenn.—I promised to testify if the Lord would heal my little grandbaby of virus infection. He is now doing fine. Thanks to the Lord for His mighty healing power.

—Nettie James

God Healed Mental Defect

I thank God for His wonderful healing power. He has slowly healed me of a mental defect. I praise His wonderful name.

—A Friend

Praises God for Healing

BASTROP, La.—I want to praise God for His wonderful healing power. About two years ago I was having gall bladder trouble. I promised God that if He would heal me, I would fast one day a week. God healed me and I praise Him for it. I also want to praise Him for healing my baby many times.

—Mrs. Juanita Motley

Gives God the Credit

WASHINGTON, D. C.—I would like to send my testimony to the *Evangel* in hopes that it will bless and encourage someone else.

It happened in July of 1958. I had been having headaches ever since school days, and I supposed them to be migraine headaches. I would get numb, dizzy and blind, and very frequently lose my speech—then an almost unbearable headache would follow.

One day I wasn't feeling too well, but I went to work anyway. When we got to my place of employment, my husband said he didn't feel he should leave me, but I said "I will be all right." He went to the car but didn't leave. In about a half hour I had one of those spells, and I got down behind the counter and prayed and it left. After about 5 minutes, I had another one and I asked the boss if I could go home. I went home, lay down and went to sleep. Meanwhile my husband was in the kitchen praying and reading the *Evangel*. I awoke and heard him praising God in tongues. He came to me and said, "Honey, you don't

have a headache now, do you?" I said, "No, I don't." He said "And you aren't going to have anymore either." He placed his hands on my head and the Lord witnessed through him in tongues.

I got straight up and went back to work. In less than an hour, I was back on the job. The girls wanted to know how I got well so quick and I told them that my husband prayed for me and Jesus healed me. Praise God that was in July of 1958 and I still claim the victory over the devil.

I have felt a burden ever since the Lord healed me to write and praise God but have neglected doing so. To God I give all the credit for His wonderful love and mercy. I thank God for a paper like the *Evangel* that when you are discouraged or disheartened and your faith weak, you can be encouraged. But most of all, I thank and praise God for a Saviour on whom you can call at anytime and find He's always there, ready and willing. May the Lord richly bless each one who reads this; may they always look up to the author and finisher of our faith.

—Mrs. Zebedee Hughett



Pray for me and my son.

—A sister in need

Pray for the healing of my body.

—C. A. Smith
Cleveland Tenn.

Pray the prayer of faith in my behalf for a very special need.

—John A. Johnson
Covington, La.

Pray for one who drinks a lot and for the healing of my body.

—A sister in Christ

Pray for the healing of my two boys. —Mrs. Mary Jane Isennoek
Kingsville, Md.

Pray for a very special request that the Lord will undertake for my home and loved ones. Also pray for my health.

—Ethel Roberts
Toledo, Ohio

Pray for two special unspoken requests. —Mrs. Lorena Campbell
Battle Creek, Mich.

Pray for me to get work and for all my children to be saved.

—A sister in Christ

Pray for the healing of my aged father. Pray also that my son can find work so that he can feed his family.

—An EVANGEL reader

Pray that my sinner husband will find God and that I might live a pure clean life before man and God.

—A sister in the Lord

Pray for me to be healed of heart trouble.

—Mrs. Luella Wallace
Jacksonville, Fla.

Pray for the healing of my body.

—Myrtle Danley
Caruthersville, Mo.

Pray that I will be filled with the Holy Ghost.

—W. C. Boyer
Elkhart, Ind.

Pray for three very special requests. —Mrs. Lola M. Thompson
Bon Air, Ala.

Pray for me to be healed.

—Opal Foshe
Wagoner, Okla.

Pray that the Lord will help me in my work for Him.

—Benjamin Roe

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